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Presidential Inauguration 2005 *Toma de posesión presidencial*

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George W. Bush 43er Presidente de los Estados Unidos

<http://usinfo.state.gov/espanol/bush43/index.htm>

Página del Departamento de Estado sobre el Presidente, Vice-presidente y su primer periodo.

President Bush Inauguration, January 20, 2005

<http://usinfo.state.gov/special/inauguration.html>

The 55th Presidential Inauguration

<http://www.inaugural05.com/aboutus/>

On January 20, 2005, George W. Bush and Vice President Cheney will be inaugurated for a second term as President and Vice President of the United States. The 55th Presidential Inaugural Committee organizes, plans, and executes most inaugural celebration activities as well as works to select participants for the inaugural parade and assign credentials to media covering the Inauguration and surrounding festivities. All citizens are invited to share in this historic celebration.

Amendments to the Constitution of the United States

<http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0749825.html>

Amendments I to X inclusive, popularly known as the Bill of Rights, were proposed and sent to the states by the first session of the First Congress. They were ratified Dec. 15, 1791. Amendment XX fixes the terms for the president and the vice-president as well as presidential succession.

Inaugural History

<http://inaugural.senate.gov/history/index.html>

From the first Inauguration of George Washington, in New York City, in 1789, to today, as we prepare for the 55th quadrennial Presidential Inauguration, the swearing-in ceremony of the President and the Vice President represents both national renewal and continuity of leadership.

Our Date to Inaugurate

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/inaugurationdate.html>

Until the Amendment XX was ratified in 1933, Inauguration Day was held on March 4, not January 20. Although the U.S. Constitution did not mention a specific a start date for presidential terms, our founding fathers intended for the first President to assume power on the day the Constitution went into effect, March 4, 1789.

History of Party Conventions

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/conventions1.html>

Presidential conventions have come a long way since the days when delegates and party leaders would emerge from smoke-filled rooms, battle weary after hours of negotiating over platforms and presidential nominees.

A Short History of Impeachment

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/impeach.html>

The right to impeach public officials is secured by the U.S. Constitution in Article I, Sections 2 and 3, which discuss the procedure, and in Article II, Section 4, which indicates the grounds for impeachment: "the President, Vice President, and all civil officers of the United States shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors."

Inaugural Addresses of the Presidents of the United States

<http://www.bartleby.com/124/>

Presidential Quotes

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/presquotes1.html>

Words from each president of the U.S.

Inaugural Oratory

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/inaugural8.html>

The terse, the eloquent, the long-winded.

Inaugural Address of George W. Bush; January 20, 2001

<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/presiden/inaug/gbush1.htm>

Inaugural Parade

<http://inaugural.senate.gov/history/daysevents/inauguralparade.htm>

The tradition of an inaugural parade dates back to the first inauguration, when George Washington took the oath of office on April 30, 1789. As he began his journey from Mount Vernon to New York City, local militias joined his procession as it passed through towns along the way. Once he arrived in New York City, members of the Continental Army, government officials, members of Congress, and prominent citizens escorted Washington to Federal Hall for his swearing-in ceremony.

Inaugural Ceremony

http://usinfo.state.gov/dhr/democracy/elections/elections_newsletter.html

The swearing-in ceremony takes place on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol with the president-elect being sworn-in by 12 noon on January 20. Amendment XX to the U.S. Constitution states that the term of the President expires at noon on January 20.

Inaugural of Presidents of the United States: Some Precedents and Notable Events

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pinotable.html>

Inaugural Celebrations at the Smithsonian

<http://photo2.si.edu/inaugural/inaug/inaug.htm>

The Smithsonian Museums have hosted inaugural festivities since 1881.

Joint Task Force – Armed Forces Inaugural Committee

http://www.afic.army.mil/Military_and_Inaug.htm

The Military and the inauguration.

Joint Task Force – Armed Forces Inaugural Committee

<http://www.afic.army.mil/militaryhonors.htm>

Military honors at the presidential inauguration.

Articles/Artículos

"Facing The Future." *Current Events*, January 14, 2005, 1-3.

George W. Bush, after his oath taking on Jan 20, will officially begin his second term as the 43rd president of the U.S. Some of the top items on his agenda are presented.

"The President and the Public: Inaugural Addresses in American History." *Congress & the Presidency*, Spring 2004, 21-53.

Examines presidential inaugural addresses to gain a perspective on the changing relationship between the people and the presidency throughout U.S. political history. The analysis suggests three distinct models of inaugural address: constitutional, party, and plebiscitary each articulating a different understanding of presidential leadership and the relationship between the presidency and the people. The party model yields a role for the president, more tied to the people's will. Plebiscitary presidents often make few references to other political actors or to the Constitution. Beyond helping us to better understand the contours of U.S. political development, this analysis challenges the prevalent assumption in studies of the presidency that nineteenth-century presidents were not popular or "public" leaders.

"A Spirited Parade Through Our Inaugural History." *The Washington Post*, January 6, 2005, C.01-03

From January 10 to 25, the National Archives will exhibit the Bible used by Washington and several other presidents at the swearing-in ceremony. It has also mounted "The U.S. Presidency: Photographic Treasures from the National Archives." Curators will give lectures about the items in various free public events.

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